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GENEVA FOR MAYNES

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES CYPRUS VISIT

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES VISITED CYPRUS JULY 22-24.
FIRST DAY WAS SPENT WITH UNFICYP OFFICIALS RECEIVING
OPERATIONAL BRIEFINGS, VISITING AREA BETWEEN THE LINES AND
DISCUSSING UNFICYP FINANCES. ON JULY 23, MAYNES MET WITH
"TFSC FONMIN" CHELIK AND GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES FOR
GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF UNFICYP, UNGA ISSUES AND CYPRUS
SITUATION.

2. IMPRESSION FROM UNFICYP CONTACTS IS THAT FORCE IS PRO-
FESSIONAL AND DEDICATED AND CARRYING OUT ITS SELF-DEFINED
MISSION IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER. LOCAL UNFICYP OFFICIALS
HAVE ATTEMPTED SOME ECONOMIES AND HAVE GIVEN SOME CONSIDERATION
TO POSSIBLE MORE RADICAL RE-DEFINITION OF MISSION (TO
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MOVE TOWARD A ROLE OF OBSERVATION ONLY VICE CURRENT ROLE
OF CEASEFIRE ENFORCEMENT) BUT, DESPITE PROGRESS SINCE 1974
IN ESTABLISHING DE FACTO DIVISION OF DISPUTED BUFFER AREAS
ALMOST BY COMMON LAW OR INCIDENT-BY-INCIDENT RESOLUTION
PROCESS, THEY ARGUE THAT NO MAJOR CHANGE IN THE UNFICYP
ROLE IS POSSIBLE AS LONG AS THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT DEFINED
A MUTUALLY ACCEPTED CEASEFIRE LINE. UNFICYP OFFICIALS,

IN SHORT, APPEAR OPEN TO NEW SUGGESTIONS FOR CUTTING COSTS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CURRENT MISSION THOUGH THEY DOUBT TOO MUCH CAN BE DONE. THEY ARE MUCH MORE SKEPTICAL OF ANY SIGNIFICANT REDEFINITION OF MISSION BUT ARE WILLING TO LISTEN.
(DETAILS ON UNFICYP PORTION OF VISIT BY SEPTEL).

3. CHELIK EXPRESSED STANDARD TURK CYPRIOT POSITION THAT UNFICYP CAN NOW BE REDUCED TO OBSERVATION GROUP SINCE SITUATION HAS STABILIZED. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT UNFICYP HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH INVOLVING SERVICES - "CARRYING DUTY-FREE CIGARETTES AND PERSONAL MAIL" TO INDIVIDUAL GREEK CYPRIOTS IN KARPAS AND KYRENIA. HE ARGUED THAT THESE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD OPTED TO LIVE IN THE NORTH AND THEREFORE MUST ACCEPT TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION JUST LIKE OTHER RESIDENTS.

4. CHELIK ALSO DELIVERED LONG AND PASSIONATE EXPLANATION OF TURK CYPRIOT POSITION IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HE BROKE NO NEW GROUND BUT GAVE IMPRESSION THAT HIS AUTHORITIES ARE NOT CONSIDERING INITIATIVES TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. AT THE SAME TIME, PERHAPS THINKING THAT HE HAD OVERSTATED HIS CASE, HE APOLOGIZED REPEATEDLY AT THE END OF HIS MEETING FOR APPEARING TO BE CARRIED AWAY.

5. CHRISTOPHIDES EXPRESSED STRONG GOC CONCERN FOR MAINTENANCE OF UNFICYP AT PRESENT -- OR EVEN LARGER -- SIZE. HE THOUGHT
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UNFICYP SHOULD BE 4,000-5,000 TO PROVIDE OBSERVERS TO REPORT ON TURKISH "LOOTING, DESECRATION OF CHURCHES, REMOVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANTIQUITIES" AND ILLEGAL USE OF GREEK CYPRIOT HOMES AND OTHER PROPERTY. (COMMENT: THIS ARGUMENT FOR INCREASED UNFICYP STRUCK US AS NOT PERSUASIVE. TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE PRESSING FOR LESS, NOT MORE, UNFICYP PRESENCE IN NORTH AND NEW U.N. TROOPS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CARRY OUT FUNCTIONS CHRISTOPHIDES HAS IN MIND.) MAYNES STATED THAT NO ONE IS SUGGESTING UNFICYP DID NOT CONTINUE TO HAVE MAJOR MISSION IN CYPRUS IF THAT MISSION MIGHT NOW BE REDEFINED. BUT WHATEVER MISSION GIVEN, FORCE NOW IN FINANCIAL CRISIS. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTED GOC COULD HELP BY ENCOURAGING ITS FRIENDS (FRANCE, NON-ALIGNED, OPEC, ETC.) TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP. CHRISTOPHIDES ACKNOWLEDGED GOC COULD AND IMPLIED HE WOULD TAKE ACTION.

6. LIKE CHELIK, CHRISTOPHIDES PORTRAYED GLOOMY VIEW OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATION PROSPECTS. HE EXPECTED NO PROGRESS IN INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS; THUS GOC WOULD HAVE TO SEEK RECOURSE IN UNGA. HE ASKED FOR U.S. HELP IN UNGA. MAYNES RESPONDED THAT U.S. POSITION ON TURK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR-- WE WILL

NOT SUPPORT TURK CYPRIOT APPEARANCE IN PLENARY BUT WILL
ACCEPT THEM IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

7. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID GOC EXPECTS FORTHCOMING VISIT BY
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD MAY HELP TO GET GOT TO
MAKE NECESSARY CONCESSIONS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN TALKS
BEFORE UNGA AND THUS AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE. WHEN
MAYNES POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS FOR A
SECOND CLIFFORD VISIT, CHRISTOPHIDES SAID THAT AS A RESULT
OF CLIFFORD'S JUNE 15 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MAKARIOS,
GOC HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION CLIFFORD VISIT TO AREA IS
PLANNED WITH TIMING ONLY OUTSTANDING ISSUE.

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8. MAYNES ASKED CHRISTOPHIDES FOR GOC HELP IN UNGA ISSUES
OF INTEREST TO U.S. -- KOREA, GUAM AND PUERTO RICO. CHRISTO-
PHIDES SAID THAT WITHIN CONTEXT OF CYPRUS' OWN U.N. PROBLEM
GOC WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD. MAYNES NOTED THAT GOC HAD NOT
GIVEN POSITIVE SUPPORT TO U.S. IN 31ST UNGA ON KOREA OR GUAM.

9. IN A DISCUSSION OF ILO, CHRISTOPHIDES CONTENDED THAT
CYPRUS DELEGATION HAD SUPPORTED ("BY ABSTAINING") U.S.
ON IMPORTANT VOTES IN ILO. MAYNES EXPLAINED THAT UNDER ILO
RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PARTICULARLY IN 1977 ILO POLITICAL
CONTEXT, ABSTENTION WAS A VOTE AGAINST U.S. A CHECK

OF THE FILE REVEALED THAT ON AT LEAST ONE IMPORTANT VOTE
CYPRUS DEL CAST ONE VOTE (EMPLOYERS) FOR U.S. POSITION
WHILE GOVERNMENT AND LABOR DELEGATES ABSTAINED. CHRISTO-
PHIDES RESPONDED WITH SOME DEGREE OF EMBARRASSMENT THAT
(BECAUSE OF EMPLOYERS VOTE AND ABSTENTION) AT LEAST "IT
APPEARED AS THOUGH" WE SUPPORTED.
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10. MAYNES RAISED NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE AND U.N. BUDGETARY
QUESTIONS. CHRISTOPHIDES CLAIMED HE JUST DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH
ABOUT THE FIRST TO RESPOND MEANINGFULLY. HE ASKED FOR A PAPER
ON U.S. VIEWS ON U.N. BUDGET PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

11. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REPORTED THAT NATURE OF MAYNES
MISSION WAS NOT CLARIFIED, BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS AN ENVOY
PAVING THE WAY FOR A SECOND CLIFFORD MISSION. TURKISH
CYPRIOT PAPERS DID NOT SPECULATE ON PURPOSE OF THE VISIT,
SIMPLY THAT HE VISITED UNFICYP AND MET WITH CHRISTOPHIDES
AND CHELIK. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CYPRUS MAIL HEADLINED THAT
MAYNES WAS IN CYPRUS BECAUSE OF UNFICYP "CASH CRISIS."
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